

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 580  
By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to commend Russell W. Montgomery for  
exemplary service as a legislative assistant.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Russell W. Montgomery is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative assistant in the House Clerk's Office; Russell's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a 2002 graduate of Jackson County High School, where he was highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Montgomery achieved academic success while participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Russell Montgomery earned an exemplary 97.64 average and was ranked in the top ten percent of his class; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Montgomery, an extremely talented and well-rounded young man, served as the President of his class, the President of the Beta Club, the Editor of the yearbook, the Vice President of the Math Club, a Student Council Representative, the Captain of the

Upper Cumberland Academic Bowl Team, and a Member of the Spanish Club and the Varsity Baseball team; and

WHEREAS, quick to earn the respect of his teachers and supervisors, Russell Montgomery was selected by his teachers to serve as a Delegate to the Student Congress on Policies in Education, a D.A.R.E. Role Model, a Delegate to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference, a Delegate to the Tennessee State 4-H Congress, and a Participant in Youth Leadership Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Montgomery evinces his devout religious faith as a member of Gainesboro First United Methodist Church, where he has served as the President of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship and a Youth Representative on the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee; and

WHEREAS, most recently, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Russell Montgomery brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2003 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, assisting weekly in the House Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003 legislative session, Mr. Montgomery has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative assistant; and

WHEREAS, Russell Montgomery's display of aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future, particularly as he enters Hendrix College in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Russell has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum that are worthy of the recognition of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Russell W. Montgomery for outstanding service as a legislative assistant in the House Clerk's Office and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.